



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Pest Detection and Management Programs – July Program Update

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Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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**Federal Regulatory, State Inspection, Nursery Survey and Other Finds**

The National Agricultural Pest Information System (NAPIS) is the APHIS database for officially collected survey data. This database currently shows that 5 of 18 states participating in nursery survey under the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program have entered data. These states are Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Four other states, California, Louisiana, Maine, Oregon, and Washington are performing surveys, but not under the CAPS program and they have entered survey data into NAPIS. Of the 6 states which have had positive diagnoses of official samples, only Oregon has reported positive samples in NAPIS.

There have been a total of 17 positive nursery finds. The states in which positive nursery finds have been made are California, Oregon, Washington, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi.

**Forest Service Detection Survey**

The purpose of the survey is the early detection of *P. ramorum* in forest vegetation before infection centers become fully established and more difficult to eradicate. This risk-based survey is voluntary and administered by the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Forest Health Protection-Forest Health Monitoring Program. State forestry agencies and supporting laboratories accomplish the survey with funding, training and logistical assistance from USFS. Information on the SOD National Detection Survey can be accessed through the USFS webpage at <http://fhm.fs.fed.us/sp/sod/sod.shtm>. As it is considered more sensitive and efficient, this year's survey is focused on water course (stream) baiting for *P. ramorum* with forest vegetation survey conducted if and when there are water detections.

As of July 26<sup>th</sup>, the USFS reported 132 streams baited in 27 states with 437 samples collected. There have been 2 positives found during the water baiting survey, one in Washington and one in Mississippi.

**Acting Positions**

The program would like to thank Albert Roche for filling in as Acting Eastern Regional Program Manager for *P. ramorum* for 30 days. Albert is the State Operations Support Officer in Puerto Rico. Terrance Wells is scheduled for the next TDY rotation from July 23 – August 17. Terrance is a PPQ Officer in Tennessee.